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## Innovative burn treatment wins national award

**University of Alberta and Westaim receive national award for R&D**

By Mark Giberson

The University of Alberta and The Westaim Corporation, an advanced materials research and manufacturing firm based in Fort Saskatchewan, have won a national award for a burn treatment that saves lives and dollars.

The award, which includes a \$10,000 research grant for the university partner, is sponsored by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and The Conference Board of Canada.

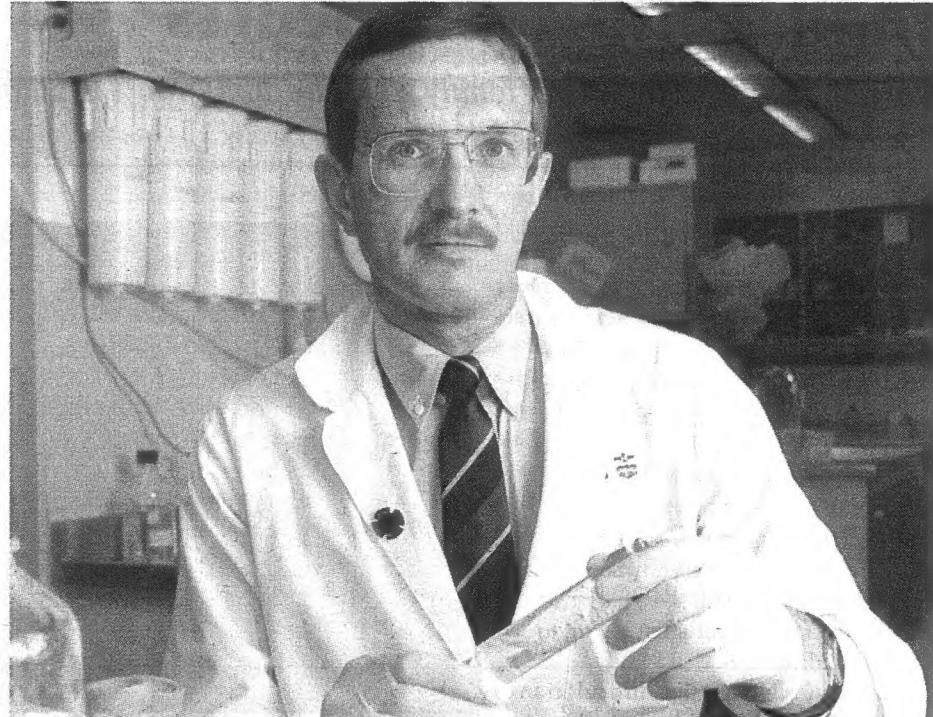
Each year, 90,000 North Americans die from infections acquired in hospital, costing the U.S. and Canadian health-care systems some \$12 billion. The cost in human terms is incalculable.

In the early 1990s, scientists with Westaim developed a process to deposit silver films on a variety of surfaces. Their research showed the films were an excellent anti-microbial agent.

Westaim invited Dr. Edward Tredget, director of the Firefighters' Burn Treatment Unit at the University of Alberta Hospital, to join its research effort. The partnership led to several wound dressing prototypes. In late 1993, one of these was selected for evaluation.

Tredget and his research team then undertook a series of studies using animal models. Clinical trials followed. With regulatory approval in both Canada and the United States, Westaim has gone on to invest \$5.4 million in a manufacturing plant in Fort Saskatchewan.

"Our partnership with Dr. Tredget is an ideal model for university-industry collaboration," says Westaim's Director of Science and Technology Robert Burrell.



Dr. Ted Tredget

"In our case, Westaim had the know-how to create a solution to a problem, while the university had the expertise to refine that solution and test it in a clinical setting. It's unlikely that this product, which has the potential to change the method of treatment in burn centres around the world, could have reached the pre-market state where it is now without this kind of partnership."

Westaim's biomedical group has started hiring new scientists and technologists as a result of its success with the

project. Other new positions will be created within senior management and in the company's marketing and sales divisions.

Meanwhile, the new product could have a profound impact on patient health and health-care systems around the world. "Given the number of people who die every year as a result of infections they acquire in hospital, we feel there are going to be significant savings in terms of longer lives, decreased illnesses and reduced health-care costs," says Burrell.

Representatives from the company and



the University are receiving the award at a national symposium on university-industry research collaboration October 23 and 24 in Richmond, B.C.

In announcing the award, NSERC President Tom Brzustowski said, "Our ability to create wealth will be determined by our success in bringing together those who create knowledge with those who know how to put knowledge to productive use. Partnerships like the one between The Westaim Corporation and the University of Alberta are producing real dividends—new commercial ventures, new employment opportunities, and products and processes that add value to our existing industries while helping to create new ones."

Westaim and the U of A were among more than 60 university-industry partners competing for the awards. In all, six partnerships involving seven universities and 13 companies were singled out for the honors. ■



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# Running toward success

Faculty of Business Henry Singer award goes to The Running Room's John Stanton

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

It's hard to miss the eager joggers heading out along 109 street.

Men and women, of all ages and sizes, learning to run.

It takes much more than lacing a pair of runners and putting one foot in front of the other.

John Stanton, president and founder of The Running Room, knows all about taking that first step. It wasn't that long ago he tipped the scale at 230 pounds and smoked two and a half packs of cigarettes a day.

Then, one day, he went for a run with his son. He's covered a lot of ground since: 35 marathons, 100 road races, several triathlons, including the Canadian Ironman and the Hawaiian World Championships Ironman.

What started as a hobby turned into a passion, then a business. The lack of technical expertise at a local sports store where he was looking for runners got him thinking, and, in 1984, The Running Room was born.

Stanton knew he wanted to offer more than just products because starting to run can be difficult.

"It's intimidating. I used to get up at 5 a.m. to run in the dark. Then run again at night, so no one could see me."



John Stanton with marathon runner Sandy Jacobson

It's a feeling he wants to help potential runners overcome. "The Running Room is for the average person, not just for elite athletes," says Stanton. Enter the Learn to Run clinics, which include women only classes to reduce the intimidation factor.

Today, The Running Room is a thriving business with 23 stores across Canada and numerous running and walking clinics at all levels.

In addition, the first site in the United States opens in Seattle in January.

Why Seattle? Stanton calls it "Bill Gates country," a large population of upwardly mobile professionals looking for recreational fun, the perfect demographic

for his business. In addition, it's close to headquarters here in Edmonton.

Stanton has a winning formula for building a loyal clientele over time. Teach people how to run. And get them involved in charity and community races, many of which are sponsored by The Running Room.

The runners keep coming back for more.

The business gains a good corporate image, the individual gets fit and the community benefits. "That's what teamwork is all about," says Stanton.

And it's because of the close ties his business has with the Edmonton community, that Stanton is the 1997 Henry Singer Award winner, offered by the Faculty of Business' Canadian Institute of Retailing and Services Studies.

The award recognizes an individual whose corporate vision includes a seamless partnership with community service.

At the award gala, Stanton called his speech "Life is a Triathlon."

Stanton says the triathlon is the ultimate expression of individualism but it can't be done without critical behind-the-scenes support from family, friends and sponsors.

He likens this to running a successful business.

"I consider myself really fortunate and I enjoy every single day. I've read the definition of success is not being able to tell the difference between work and play."

Not bad for someone who started off as a bag boy at a local grocery store and left the VP ranks at Horne and Pitfield for a shot at the entrepreneurial life. ■

# Halt rising costs—students

By Michael Robb

Pleaseeee! Consider the options before jacking up tuition fees next year by the maximum allowable.

Enough is enough, says Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) Sheamus Murphy. "We're not saying there are any magic solutions. There are none...but there could be tradeoffs we can make. Why do we just assume that tuition is going to increase by the maximum allowable?"

Students succeeded in sponsoring a motion at General Faculties Council last week calling on University administration to consider budget alternatives to raising tuition next year by the maximum allowable. Students want the administration to examine the feasibility and consequences of some of the alternatives.

Predicting that tuition would be "the issue" this year, Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Doug Owram said the administration doesn't have any objection to the students' request. "This is a duty we have to look at alternatives anyway."

More and more data is now suggesting that higher tuition fees are having an impact on enrolment, said Graduate Students' Association president Peter Cahill. That could be pushing more students to cheaper alternatives, such as Grant MacEwan Community College. Citing a recent study of public perceptions, Cahill said, "The results strongly suggest a majority of Albertans, 85 per cent, feel that students and parents should not be asked to pick up a greater share of a university education." ■

## CORRECTION

In the October 10 issue of *Folio*, we incorrectly spelled the name of Dr. John Callaghan who performed Canada's first open-heart surgery and played a major role in the development of the U of A Department of Surgery. We apologize for this error.

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## Small world...big hearts

Faculté St. Jean staffer and her family welcome immigrants to Edmonton

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

Mona Liles vividly remembers American soldiers rolling into her village in jeeps when she was a little girl during Lebanon's civil war.

"My friends and I would line up in a row to watch them go by. The Americans always threw canned food to us," recalls Liles.

"One hot can landed at the feet of my friend, and she ran all the way home, so frightened. She thought it was a bomb."

This naivete about everyday consumer life is something Liles still sees, only this time it's in the faces of refugees trying to start over in Edmonton.

Liles knows all about this difficult transition. She went through it herself when she arrived in Canada 22 years ago.

She feels their isolation.

That's why she offers her experience to immigrant and refugee families. She, her husband and two teenaged-daughters are volunteers with the Catholic Social Service Agency's host friendship program.

For one year, they befriend a family trying to learn English and make a life for themselves in Alberta's capital.

It may require as little as a phone call once a week, or an outing or get-together on the weekend. It is simply providing a lifeline to Edmonton services and advice on getting to them with public transit.

It is making sense of life in the Great White North.

"For some families, just going grocery shopping is quite an experience," says Liles. Like her little friend many years ago, Liles says some families have never seen canned foods.

The Liles have welcomed three families over the last several years. The first was a Bosnian refugee family, with whom they still keep in contact.

Then, they volunteered with a Colom-



Mona Liles

bian family, who immigrated here because they wanted a better future for their children, far from the violence gripping their homeland. He was an air traffic controller; she a speech pathologist.

"He spent so much time in the library downtown. He was tremendously eager to learn English. And she started to volunteer her time with a speech therapist," says Liles.

Now, the Liles family is host to another Bosnian family. And the process begins again.

"It's nice to get involved in something outside of work," says Liles.

But sometimes, she brings her volunteer job to work at the U of A's Faculté St. Jean, where she is a staff member.

"I love helping and dealing with foreign students here."

Nor does the volunteer work end with the agency. She also welcomes Lebanese families to Edmonton.

The experience has helped her children grow, says Liles. For Gabrielle, 17, and Melanie, 15, the experience has been hum-

bling. Melanie says she's seen firsthand the difficulties in securing employment. For Gabrielle, it has made her appreciate things she usually takes for granted.

"Their apartments are very simple. They have just the basics. Meanwhile, we live in a two-storey house, with two TVs and lots of material things. I feel kind of guilty."

"I am always struck by their hospitality when we're invited over. They really go all out for us. And it seems, the poorer the family, the more lavish and hospitable they are," says Liles.

Perhaps for the immigrants and refugees, it's one night to really celebrate their new beginnings and forget about their struggles.

"They love all the choices and accessibility to everything they gain here. They're really in awe of the freedom they have," says Liles.

But there is one thing the new Canadians say they have difficulty getting used to—the weather.

Go figure. ■

# Out for blood

**Blood screening is coming: proponents say guidelines reduce risk of disease transmission, while opponents say they merely discriminate against individuals with HIV and other blood-borne diseases.**

By Michael Robb

Next year students in the health sciences may have one more task to add to registration procedures: a blood test.

General Faculties Council has approved guidelines aimed at excluding students and staff with HIV, hepatitis B and C and other blood-borne diseases from clinical experiences that could put others at risk of contracting the diseases they carry.

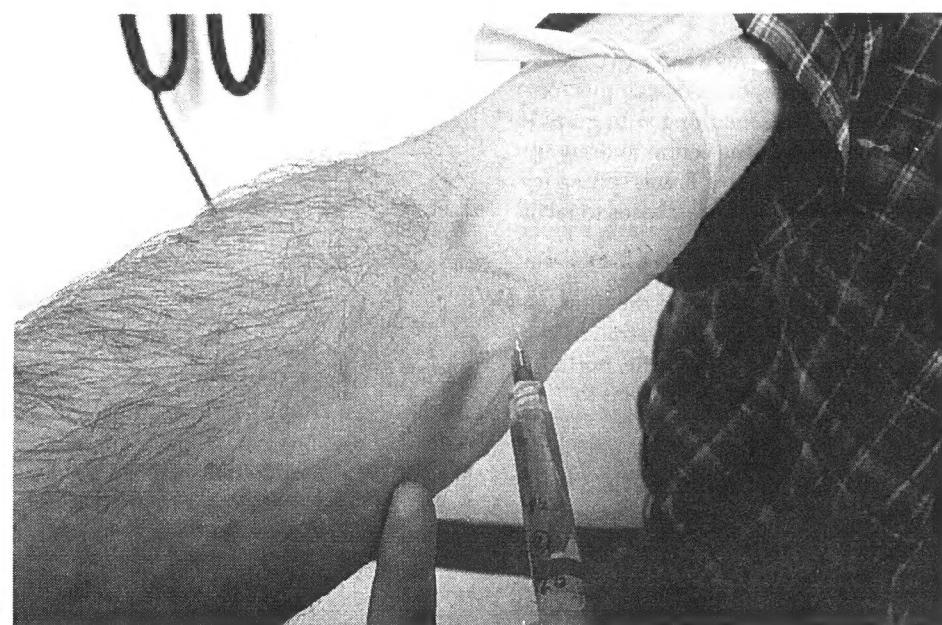
Associate Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Anne Marie Decore says the guidelines strike a balance between the University's responsibilities to students and its duty to safeguard the people who come in contact with them. The guidelines are based on the best medical knowledge available, and will be revised as new research becomes available, she says.

The guidelines commit the University to providing a work environment free of discrimination—except where that discrimination can be shown to be justifiable. The guidelines also commit the University to providing reasonable accommodation to modify programs in the event a student contracts one of the diseases.

According to the University's legal counsel, Raylene Palichuk of Field Atkinson Perraton, the guidelines address the legal obligations of the U of A in the area of human rights and strike the necessary balance between the rights of individuals and safety concerns. They are based on the most recent *Health Canada, Infection Control Guidelines: Preventing the Transmission of Bloodborne Pathogens in Health Care and Public Service Settings*.

## MEDICAL NECESSITY DISPUTED

Dr. Stan Houston, an associate professor in the Divisions of Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, sees three primary problems with the new guidelines. First, the faculty is requiring testing of students for hepatitis B. "Infectious hepatitis B is now a potentially treatable condition; in fact, this university is a leader in the field. There should be a provision for offering



treatment to the student and a reconsideration of the student's status if treatment is successful."

"Treatment is quite expensive for an individual student; ideally the University could demonstrate its good faith and commitment to students by offering to ensure that no student was denied treatment for financial reasons," says Houston. "It's the right thing to do and there wouldn't be many students who would require it."

Second, the mandatory testing for hepatitis C is questionable. Houston says there has only been one documented case of a health-care practitioner (a surgeon in Spain) who passed the disease on to patients. And third, the professor is worried about confidentiality in HIV reporting. "There is still a considerable stigma associated with the disease."

"If a student did test positive, it would be a huge dilemma. What would you do? It's not at all clear what his or her ethical or legal obligations are and who should be informed," he explains, suggesting there should be well-defined processes and con-

fidentiality provisions in place. "The risk is so incredibly, infinitesimally small [of an HIV positive health-care practitioner passing the disease on to a patient]. The problem is that the issue is so emotive, and you have to deal with public perceptions."

Fourth-year nursing student Vernon-John Gibbons agrees. "Students aren't sharing needles with patients or having sex with them, so the risk is so small." The guidelines, he says, have sacrificed individual rights for the sake of public safety and it's likely, at some point, they will be challenged in the courts.

The guidelines state that in the event of accidental breach of confidentiality, officials will record specific blood-borne pathogen information in a coded manner. Decore and Faculty of Medicine and Oral Health Sciences Assistant Dean (Admissions) Dr. Christopher Cheeseman acknowledged that confidentiality is a difficult issue. "When the faculty has to modify a student's program to protect patients, we'll have to notify one or two people," Dr. Cheeseman told GFC members. ■

## BLOOD-PATHOGEN GUIDELINES

- All staff and students who have any exposure of blood and/or body fluids to non-intact skin, a mucous membrane or needlestick injury during the course of their work or study are required to report that exposure to their supervisors and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety;
- Staff members who perform invasive procedures and are aware that they have tested positive for a blood-borne pathogen are required by the biosafety guidelines to contact the Occupational Health Nurse;
- The University will make every reasonable effort to allow students to complete their program requirements if they have tested positive for a blood-borne pathogen;
- An educational program will be provided to students on blood-borne pathogens;
- In order to minimize risk, it may be necessary to deny admission, modify a student's training program or exclude the student from some clinical experiences which could preclude the student from satisfying the requirements for the degree;
- Hepatitis B testing will be performed either prior to or after acceptance into a health-care program;
- All students accepted into health-care programs are encouraged to undergo HIV testing upon admission and at any time during their program when concerns have arisen;\*
- The new policy covers students in dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, medical laboratory science, nursing, pharmacy, rehabilitation medicine and some specific fields in physical education and recreation.

*\*Health-care practitioners are required to report Hepatitis B and C cases. HIV is not a reportable disease.*

## » quick » facts

# Women's hockey returns to the U of A

**Team sets sights on the national championships**

By Michael Robb

d'Entremont up to Huculak. Huculak to Kuzyk on right wing. Kuzyk skates right, cuts to the slot. Fakes the shot. Winds up. She shoots...she scoo\_rrrrr!!!

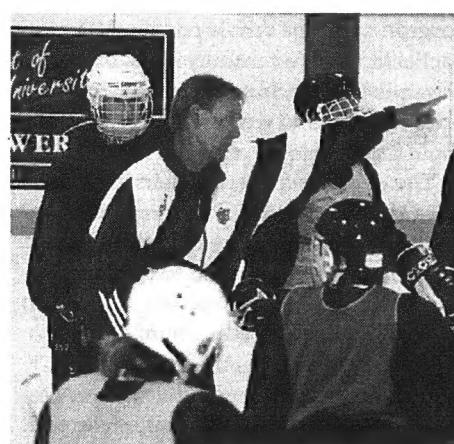
Yes, folks, women's hockey is back in the fold. Earlier this month, the athletics department announced its return. Pandas ice hockey is the U of A's 17<sup>th</sup> varsity team and eighth women's athletic program.

Women's hockey was a vibrant sport during the University's first two decades. Its resurrection, says the team's coach, Howie Draper, a former Golden Bears hockey captain (1989/90), is the result of two things: first, the push for gender equity on campus. Whatever is available to men should be available to women. And second, the growing popularity of women's hockey across the country, particu-

larly given the national women's team's international success.

The Pandas will play in the Northern Alberta Ladies Hockey League's regular season against other local women's teams. They'll be up against tough competition. For example, the Triple A Edmonton Chimos recently won the national championship. The Pandas will also be part of the Canada West Universities Athletic Association six-team women's hockey conference, although they will not play a regular season in 1997/98, but will compete against one another in a conference championship tournament February 13-15 in Calgary.

The first women's ice hockey CIAU national championship tournament is scheduled February 26-March 1, 1998 at Concordia University in Montreal. Three other conferences exist, one in Ontario, Que-



*The puck goes that way: Assistant coach Dan Bouwmeester offers advice.*

bec and the Atlantic region. Draper believes the Pandas have a good chance of emerging from their conference to be there

at the nationals.

The team has a lot of talent. Stacey Hannay, an education student, was inducted into the Alberta and Canadian Sports Halls of Fame in 1994. She has gathered medals consecutively at national ringette championships for almost a decade. Goalie Marlow Kulak, a keenly competitive phys ed student, is also the goalie for the Pandas field hockey team. Many of the other players have championship ringette and hockey experience.

Draper says the women's game will be entertaining. There's no body checking, fewer penalties and it's more freewheeling.

The legendary Clare Drake, who coached the Golden Bears hockey team to six national and 17 conference championships over 28 seasons, is a technical consultant to the team. ■

# A co-op like no other "down under"

**U of A student links to the University of New South Wales**

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

When Jonathan Kelly began his co-op placement at the U of A's International Centre this summer, he never dreamed it would include crossing the international date line.

The third-year computer engineering student was already well versed with the systems set-up of the centre.

He had been working part-time throughout the school year running the centre's Web site and managing the office databases.

As a result, Kelly knew the centre's on and off-line resources were advanced and comprehensive. And it was no surprise to have the visiting director of an Australian counterpart salivate at the extensive databases of various services and programs for U of A students.

While visiting the U of A's centre, the head of student services and international exchange at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Dr. Bryan Burke, approached Barry Tonge, Education Abroad coordinator, about the technology here.

It turns out both centres are Mac-based and use a Filepro database program.

Tonge says with a unique advanced system, the centre has developed a reputation abroad for its management of services and program delivery.

"We had home pages up even before there were books out on it. People here have always felt technology is integral to what we do," says Tonge.

Achieving efficiencies, while anticipating trends has served to make the International Centre's management system one of the most sought after in North America, says Tonge.

Consequently, the UNSW colleague was quite willing to purchase the databases.

But Tonge decided a partnership with UNSW was a better idea. The two institutions signed a memorandum of understanding and discussed a student exchange.

Tonge then approached Kelly to see if he had free time in the summer.

"Why?" joked Kelly. "Are you sending me to Australia?"

By July, Kelly got an e-mail called "Blast Off" from the island continent. Funding had been approved at UNSW and the school was picking up all his expenses.

Kelly had a co-op placement halfway around the world.

He left Edmonton on August 15th and arrived in Sydney on the 18th.

"The hospitality was incredible," says Kelly. And although it was a "cool" spring, with temperatures hovering in the low teens, it's hard to complain when palm trees greet people on the beach and sand gets in your hair.

Nevertheless, it was a busy two weeks, says Kelly, with meetings on campus for the first few days, consulting with graphic artists and others in the centre to draw up the first Web page. Next, it was setting up software and designing databases to facilitate day-to-day operations.

Of course, it wasn't all work.

Kelly thoroughly enjoyed the tour through Hunter Valley, an Australian wine region, with a stop in Newcastle, north of Sydney and brought back samples to prove it.

In addition, Kelly got a chance to catch up with two old school chums. He'd actually spent Grades 7 and 8 living in Terrigal, located outside Sydney, on the Australian coast.

"And on the final Sunday, I got a quick city tour of Sydney by Dr. Burke, the kind that locals give you. It was an amazing experience."

His down under adventure has had a spin-off benefit, says Kelly, —interview requests with private companies.

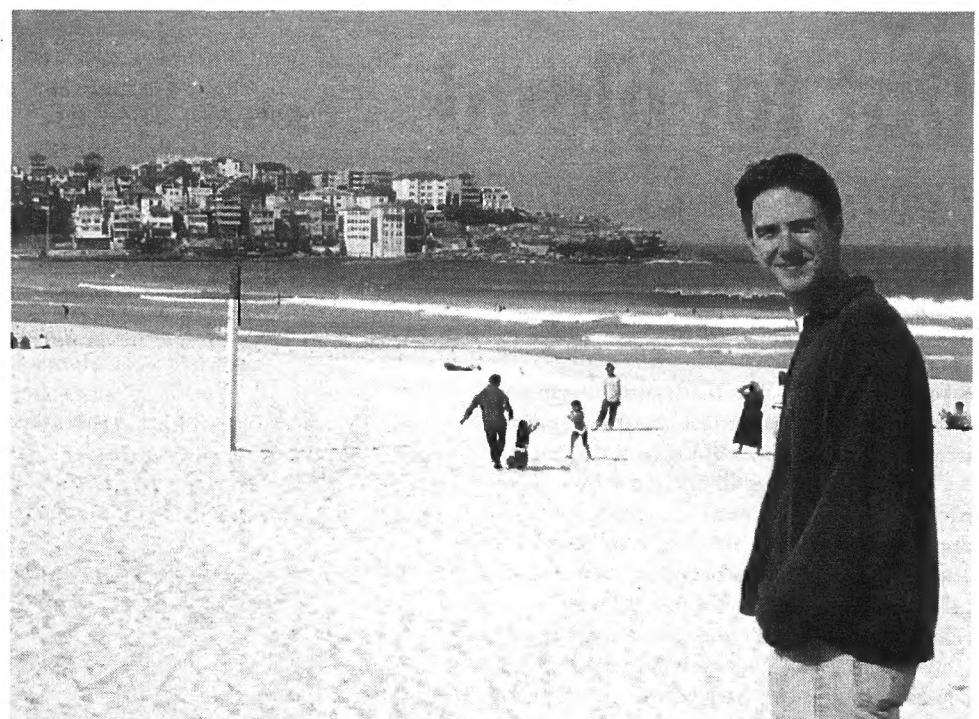
"It was a win-win situation for everyone," says Tonge. "He'll be a very valuable U of A commodity when he leaves this campus."

The U of A scored big, too.

It got a link on the UNSW International home page in tribute to its collaboration with the institution.

You can look up Jonathan Kelly's work at [www.international.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/).

Way to go, mate. ■



Jonathan Kelly

## folio letters to the editor

### Bake sales beat bathroom ads

So, today I notice that the Calvin Klein ads over the urinals in the restrooms have been replaced by ads that attempt to justify this invasive form of commercial advertising.

Revenue from the urinal ads, we are assured, supports students by providing work (?), scholarships, and supporting university foundations. At \$25 a month per ad? We could surely do better by installing pay toilets. Or maybe we should hold monthly bake sales (not in the rest rooms, of course). Living up to our new motto is apparently an awesome challenge.

Alan Rutkowski  
Library

### Study guides stellar

I wish to commend the Herbert T. Coutts librarians for the development of their study guide sheet "Annotations and Abstracts." I chanced on this guide while in the humanities library. Having given a bibliographic assignment in preventative conservation for the past few years, I thought including the study sheet might aid my students. The quality of the completed assignments improved immensely over those of previous years, and all the students said they used the guide in preparing their assignments.

Other study guides are available. Many academic staff may not be aware of these student aids, and I encourage my colleagues to use them in their teaching.

Elizabeth Richards  
Human Ecology

### Airbrushing the picture of the past

I would strongly recommend that my colleagues in psychology read, if not the entire novel, then at least the opening pages of Milan Kundera's *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*. It tells of how all that remained of one-time Czechoslovak foreign minister Vladimír Clementis—who was executed in the Slánsky trial in 1952, having fallen out of official favor—on an airbrushed photograph taken on a Prague palace balcony in the moment of revolutionary triumph in February 1948, was the fur hat on party general secretary Klement Gottwald's head. Kundera concludes, "the struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting" (I make no apology for the "sexist" language).

Kundera, of course, hails from a land where the organization of forgetting has long been pre-eminent among the arts of governance.

Professor MacEachran's only sin, as far as I can see, was to do what many, then as now, in the oxymorically named social sciences do. Secure in the authority of his knowledge, he saw fit to prescribe rem-

edies on its basis for supported social ills. If there is a lesson to be learned from this, it is of the virtues of humility rather than hubris on the part of intellectuals. "Critical thinking"—a buzzword in the Faculty of Arts these days—is not the same as the uncritical endorsement of fashionable wisdom, but requires a skepticism that extends perhaps above all to the dogmas propounded from the pulpits of universities themselves. But it is far easier, I suppose, simply to forget those bits of our past that no longer concur with the fads and fancies of the present, and congratulate ourselves that we are fortunate enough to live in more enlightened times.

This contemptible episode also puts me in mind of another line of Kundera's. He defines kitsch, a disease, he thinks, of the modern world, as "the need to gaze into the mirror of the beautifying lie and to be moved to tears of gratification at one's own reflections." Quaecumque vera, my ass.

Derek Sayer  
Chair of Sociology

# Psych department defends MacEachran decision

**Department says it is trying to understand, not ignore history**

By Michael Robb

The psychology department's decision to strike a committee to rename a prestigious lecture series and a room in the Biological Sciences Building is not about rewriting history, says the acting chair of the department, Dr. Gay Bisanz.

"We're not trying to ignore our history, we're trying to fully understand our history given new information brought to light by the recent court decision," says Bisanz. "Isn't that what universities are about? That's our business."

The lecture series and room were named in honor of the University's first provost and founder of the Departments of Philosophy and Psychology, John M. MacEachran. Last year, in an Edmonton courtroom, Madam Justice Joanne Veit ruled the provincial government had wrongly sterilized Leilani Muir. The order to sterilize Muir was signed by MacEachran, who chaired the province's eugenics board from 1929 to 1965.

During the last few weeks, the department's decision has drawn media attention. News stories have appeared in *Folio*, *The Globe and Mail* and in *The Edmonton Journal*. An *Edmonton Journal* editorial, October 18, opposed removing

MacEachran's name from the reading room. Professor Emeritus Dr. William Graham also suggested, in a letter to *Folio*, the name plate should remain and a plaque added acknowledging the eugenics role MacEachran played.

But a letter writer to *The Globe and Mail*, Leonard Moll, earlier this week, wrote, "To honor an individual is to bestow public recognition on the whole person. Mr. MacEachran's life certainly has worthy accomplishments, but they are far too badly tarnished to warrant an honor of the whole man."

The department established the lecture series shortly after MacEachran died at the age of 94 in 1971. Money the professor left to the University was used to create endowments, one to fund medals, another to fund scholarships in education, philosophy and psychology.

The department committee's chair Dr. Leendert Mos says the committee's examination of the issues is not an attempt to bury history, but, rather, a good educational opportunity to explore the issues. The committee is expected to bring recommendations to the department council at its next meeting. ■

### Smoke, Mirrors and Growth Summits

by Dr. Janine Brodie, chair, Department of Political Science

A month has passed since Premier Klein invited Albertans to give him advice about how to "reinvest" in their communities after having successfully tightened their belts and wrestled the "deficit-demon" to the ground. Few attending the Growth Summit, however, resembled Klein's favourite icon, "the ordinary Albertan." Half were industry executives, three quarters were men, and only a handful were students and youth—those with most at stake. The nominal "ordinary Albertan," the non-unionized worker, was not represented. Issues of representation aside, why did the premier feel it necessary to hold this summit, only months after a provincial election? One answer is that the summit had less to do with the fiscal deficit than the democratic deficit and more to do about containing debate about the deficit dividend than exploring potential futures.

For over a decade, social commentators and the public alike have expressed increasing concern about the health of Canada's democratic institutions and practices.

The Spicer Commission reported that Canadians did not believe politicians, largely because they said one thing and did another. One only need recall the GST, NAFTA, the federal Liberal Party's Red Book, and Stornaway.

In fact, the dominant political themes of the 1980s and 1990s—the deficit and globalization—have led to what some commentators have appropriately called a profound "democratic deficit." Our political leaders and parties cultivated in the public mind a radical fatalism which declared that we had no political choices left to us other than to follow a market-driven response to changes in the international political economy and to the so-called "debt-crisis." We were told that there was simply no escaping "adjustment," defined as reducing taxes, deregulation of business and public expectations about the role of the state in the provision of social welfare. These realities, we were told, necessarily trumped democratic institutions. In the process, the realm of political negotiation and informed choices about our communities were eroded. More important, many believed it!

Countless studies, including those produced by the federal and Alberta governments themselves, have shown that rising government deficits in the 1980s could not be attributed to run-away social spending. Social programs, nonetheless, have borne the brunt of government reorganization in the past decade. Federal program spending now stands at immediate post-war levels—that is before Canada's make-shift welfare state was put in place. Public corporations have been privatized, universality undermined, programs cut and fiscal pressures decentralized—from the federal government to the provinces to municipalities and families—all in the name of deficit reduction. And, as we all know, Alberta, now sits in Canada's basement in terms of health care, social welfare, and education spending.

Deficit-discourse has been very effective in dismantling the welfare state and changing public expectations about the responsibility of governments and of citi-



zens to each other. At the same time, the deficit strategy had its natural limit. What sustains the attack on the public sector after the deficit disappears? From my perspective, the Alberta Growth Summit is yet another example of how Canadian politics is reassembling around the issue of the so-called "deficit dividend"—the pivotal issue of how to reinvest, indeed, whether to reinvest after more than a decade of cuts.

Consultations are a primary example of how some governments attempt to frame public discussion about this dividend around a decidedly "anti-public" menu, that is, to limit the option either to reducing the debt or to reducing taxes. This either/or scenario, in fact, was very much part of the underlying partisan posturing in the last federal election. But, it is also a dichotomy that obscures a third option—reinvesting in people and in our social infrastructure, the very things that are critical to Canada's prospects in the new millennium. Investing in people, as public opinion polls repeatedly point out, is the choice of the so-called "ordinary" Albertan and Canadian. A poll conducted this summer for the Growth Summit, for example, revealed that most Albertans thought that reinvestment in people was the most important priority. According to the July poll, 37 per cent thought that education issues should be the main topics of the summit, 29 per cent cited health, and 22 per cent cited job creation. In stark contrast, only 11 per cent cited the debt and five per cent cited tax reduction.

Public consultations have become a familiar governing instrument of Canadian governments with agendas that do not

mesh with those of the public. The Klein government, in fact, has mastered the art. Consultations give the appearance of democratic input and enable governments to implement policy agendas, which are, at best, only alluded to during election campaigns.

This time, however, the consultation process did not serve up the desired results. People have been told for more than a decade that they could expect a pay back for their "short-term pain." Albertans have told the Klein government that the time is now. A few days after the summit, Stockwell Day announced that a little over \$100 million would be reinvested in education and health care. It is important to note, however, that the treasurer also indicated that this new funding would come from reduced interest costs due to debt reduction. In other words, the "debt reducers" reign in the Klein cabinet. Then, Klein visited Japan where he praised the virtues of deficit and debt reduction to an all too receptive audience. Lost were the vague references to reinvestment that he has showered over the Alberta electorate. Perhaps, most importantly, the federal government, which watched the summit process closely, now recognizes that any debate about the deficit dividend should not be left to the vagaries of the public consultation or, for that matter, the democratic process. As Federal Finance Minister Martin told Canadians in no uncertain terms in mid-October, "this government has cut up its credit card...It is permanent." Perhaps all Canadians should take the lead of Albertans and tell their governments that the "pay back" time has arrived. ■

### Dean responds to "Moose" protest

Over the last week both staff and students have approached the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), the Office of Human Rights and my office with concerns about the "Space Moose" cartoons that have appeared in *The Gateway* and *The Gateway's* publication of a World Wide Web address on which cartoons the newspaper chose not to print could be found.

Members of the University community should know that the Students' Union has a separate corporate existence from the University, which is required by the Universities Act of the Province of Alberta. According to this legislation the Students' Union has the right to make its own by-laws governing its affairs and deal with any other matter pertaining to its management and affairs as an organization.

*The Gateway* is published by the Students' Union and as publisher of *The Gateway*, the Students' Union is responsible in law for the content of the paper. Accordingly, complaints about the content of *The Gateway* should be directed to the Students' Union. The University has no editorial control over *The Gateway* and does not have any faculty advisors who sit as members of *The Gateway* staff or in any other capacity. Seemingly support for tasteless or offensive articles is hardly desirable but neither is the idea of a University administration censoring a student press financed not out of tuition but out of fees voted to the Students' Union by students.

While the University does not have any authority over what is published in *The Gateway*, it does have authority over the inappropriate use of its computer network. As a result, Mr. Thrasher has been asked to remove all Web pages of "Space Moose" cartoons, all Web pages pertaining to the sale of "Space Moose" products, and all file copies of cartoons and related data from the Web site and from accessible file directories.

Dr. Burton M. Smith  
Acting Dean of Students

### Teaching, technology and autonomy

By Dr. Bev Mitchell, professor, Department of Biological Sciences

A item distributed on ATLNet (a list serve discussion group for teaching technology issues) highlighted a recent decision at York University in which faculty members were protected from actions that could require them to use electronic means to present some of their teaching materials. This engendered considerable discussion on ATLNet and revealed a wide variety of opinion (including techno-boosterism and fear of same) on this campus regarding the use of technology in teaching and learning.

While it was probably the fear of being made to use technology that led to the York action, and to much of the lively discussion here, the basic issue of technology in university teaching needs a more thorough airing among teaching faculty, hopefully in a manner that will allow us to talk with rather than past each other. *Folio* is one place where such a discussion could be fruitfully pursued—hence the observations offered below.

I wonder how soon we can get past the polarized extremes expressed in recent online discussions regarding faculty adoption or non-adoption of the new technologies? We all know that THE way to teach does not exist. We do, however, need to learn more about the appropriate ways that technology can be integrated into what we already do to help us accomplish the task better.

From an instructional perspective, the point is to present our subject in the most effective (often this is closely allied to the most engaging) manner possible. Human contact is essential for most of what we do. Technology can effectively support our efforts both when the students are in a room with us and when they are not. Personally, I like technology best when it enhances my ability to communicate face to face. This works through using it on the screen during lectures/discussions and it can increase meaningful contact with students as a result of them dealing with

some specially prepared electronic materials outside class and then coming to ask questions directly.

It would be good to have a list of outcomes that we think would be sufficient evidence that technology is worth the often considerable effort needed to prepare and use electronic-based materials. Increased learning rates and increased retention would be wonderful of course, but often we will get lesser effects—such as "That picture/animation/sound track/movie clip really helped explain the concept." "It's more interesting/engaging when you show a picture, play a song." "We enjoy coming to class a bit more." "The professor seems better organized now that his visual aids are on the computer." "I can see from the back!" "I can actually read the material on the screen!"

I think that the accumulation of these lesser pluses will be the most common outcome of much of our use of technology in the classroom. Is this enough? ■

# International financial institutions on the hot seat at U of A forum

By Chris Floden

It's not very often one has the opportunity to question representatives of the most important financial institutions in the world about the ethics of their policies. But that is exactly what happened last weekend on campus.

International financial institutions (IFIs) like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were put on the hot seat when the U of A International Centre hosted the first Canadian Forum on Inter-

national Financial Institutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Its objective was to hear reports from IFI representatives on how their organizations have responded to G7 calls for renewal.

In 1995 G7 leaders met in Halifax and called for IFIs to look at wide ranging reforms to international development and monetary policies. In response to this call, member organizations of the Halifax Initiative joined with organizations like the Al-

berta Centre for International Education, and International Centre here at the University of Alberta to host two roundtable forums, one here and one in Vancouver.

One hundred twenty five University and college staff and students from across the province attended.

Roy Culpeper, President of Ottawa's North-South Institute, an organization involved in non-partisan research of the world's major banking institutions for the past 20 years,

suggested that many non-governmental organizations have been worried about World Bank and IMF policies for the past ten years. "A lot of these structural ad-

justments or economic reforms have hurt the common people. They tend to focus more on the forest (the economy)

than the trees (the people)." Roy Culpeper

Though he does not expect major policy revisions to come from discussions at the forum, Culpeper feels there is value in the process. "In many ways we have to keep their feet to the fire or nothing will change." And though he believes it is better to have them around than not to have them at all, he is "not convinced that all of them will change."

Culpeper suggests the real agenda for non-governmental organizations was the democratization of economic policy, which has some "very important domestic echoes." Look at "our own system, where economic policy is sort of handed down from on high from the minister of finance and his department, and the governor of the Bank of Canada and the Central Bank. These organizations have immense power in deciding economic policy, and therefore the fate of 30 million Canadians."

This type of effect is only amplified when a country has structural improvements imposed by an outside organization without any domestic input, as is the case with the World Bank or the IMF, he says.

He goes on to suggest that for the past 10 years, the World Bank has been under a great deal of scrutiny, which has brought some positive results. A proposed dam in Western India, for instance, was shelved after a review of its severe repercussions. The IMF, on the other hand, has been hardly studied he said. Some of their proposals, like pulling out of capital markets completely, "could have dramatic and drastic consequences on anyone," not just poorer countries.

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## Cartoon controversy saunters into cyberspace

Space Moose asked to leave U of A Web pages

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

A controversial cartoon which appears regularly in the student newspaper, *The Gateway*, has raised the censorship/free speech argument on campus again.

*Gateway* Editor-in-chief Rose Yewchuk chose not to print a recent *Space Moose* strip and published the cartoonist's Web address instead.

The offending strip, the third in a series, showed *Space Moose* and a sidekick confronting women in a Take Back the Night march.

*Space Moose* opens fire on the women, while the other character plunges a knife in the back of a protestor.

A muscled woman with a bullet-defying chest then captures the perpetrators and throws them into a cell.

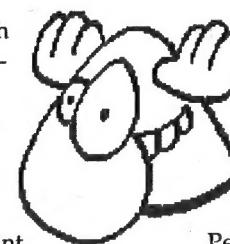
"When I drew up the cartoon, I wasn't thinking about Marc Lepine [and the Montreal massacre] which was a crime against humanity, I think, more than a crime against women," says cartoonist Adam Thrasher.

But the Montreal massacre is exactly what came to mind when Shannon Sampert first saw the cartoon.

Sampert, a fourth-year undergraduate student, checked the Web site to see why *Space Moose* was censored.

What Sampert saw shocked her. After a call to the campus discipline officer, she filed a complaint.

"I don't expect everyone to find it funny," says Thrasher. "It caters to a sick and twisted mind."



While he says he understands the reasons *The Gateway* didn't publish the strip, Thrasher, a PhD candidate in biomedical engineering, says he has every right to put the cartoon on his Web site.

Perhaps, but the Web site isn't his. It belongs to the University of Alberta.

After the Acting Dean of Students Dr. Burton Smith, met with representatives from the Office of Human Rights, Campus Security and Computer Network Services, Thrasher was asked to remove all *Space Moose* material and his products available for sale off the U of A Web pages.

Meanwhile, Sampert says she no longer feels safe on campus, given the violent nature of the cartoon, and what she calls *The Gateway*'s promotion of it.

But Yewchuk says publishing the Web site address is not the same as publishing the material.

"The *Globe and Mail* recently published the Web addresses of Ernst Zundel, in an article about his views," says Yewchuk. Is the *Globe* advocating Zundel's views? Publishing the Web addresses is giving information to people, which is what newspapers are supposed to do, she argues. It's up to them to choose whether or not they wish to read the sites.

Sampert says she'd prefer student money subsidizing *The Gateway* through the Student Union (Sampert cites free rent, telephone and photocopying), went to bursaries.

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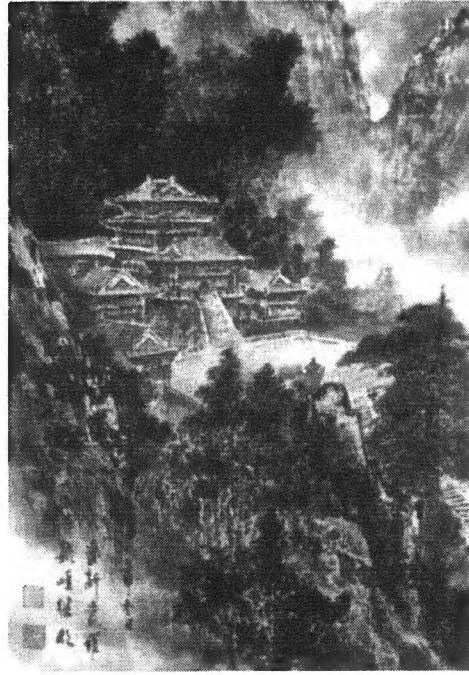
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### FAB GALLERY



October 28 to November 9

"I Sun Kwok Lo" Imperial Legacy—an exhibition of paintings by nephew of the last emperor of China. Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.; closed Monday, Saturday and statutory holidays. 1-1 Fine Arts Building.

### EDMONTON ART GALLERY

Until November 9

Francisco Goya, "The Disasters of War." EAG presents 80 prints dating from 1810 that express Goya's angry reaction to the events surrounding Napoleon's invasion of Spain. This show was organized to coincide with the U of A Sightlines Conference.

### CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR NORDIC STUDIES

Until December 24

"Hans Christian Andersen" exhibition. Rutherford South Entrance Hall. The exhibition comes to Edmonton through the generosity of the Royal Danish Embassy.

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Until October 29

As part of the Sightlines Conference, McMullen Gallery presents "In Situ, Contemporary Canadian

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## MUSIC

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

October 24, 8 p.m.

Public concert of works by John Beckwith. Admission: \$10/adult, \$5/student and senior. Convocation Hall.

October 27, noon

Noon-Hour Organ Recital. All Saints' Anglican Cathedral.

October 29, 8 p.m.

Master of Music Recital: Alan McLellan, choral conducting. Convocation Hall.

October 31, 8 p.m.

Nicholas Arthur Kilburn Memorial Concert featuring Antonin Kubalek, piano and Ivan Zenaty, violin. Co-sponsored by the Czech Society for Arts and Sciences of Alberta. Admission: \$10/adult, \$5/student and senior. Convocation Hall.

November 1, 10 a.m.

Nicholas Arthur Kilburn Memorial masterclass. Convocation Hall.

November 2, 8 p.m.

The University of Alberta Academy Strings Concert. Martin Rieseley, conductor. Admission: \$7/adult, \$5/student and senior. Convocation Hall.

November 3, 12:10 p.m.

Music at Noon, Convocation Hall Student Recital Series featuring students from the Department of Music. Convocation Hall.

November 7, noon

Centre for Ethnomusicology Open House. 2nd Floor Foyer, Fine Arts Building.

## SPORTS

### BASKETBALL

October 31 to November 2

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November 6 to 8

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### FOOTBALL

October 24, 1:30 p.m.

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### HOCKEY

October 31 and November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Bears vs. Regina

### SOCER

October 25, noon

Pandas vs. Saskatchewan

October 25, 2 p.m.

Bears vs. Saskatchewan

## Boothe named to CD Howe Institute

Dr. Paul Boothe, professor of economics and managing director of the Institute for Public Economics at the University of Alberta, has been appointed adjunct scholar at the CD Howe Institute. Boothe received his undergraduate training in economics at the University of Western Ontario and his doctoral degree from the University of British Columbia. Before joining the U of A economics department, Boothe worked in the International Department of the Bank of Canada. He has held visiting positions at Queen's University, University of Tasmania, and Alberta Treasury. His current research interests include fiscal relations between governments and government budgeting and performance measurement. Professor Boothe has authored or edited numerous books, articles and monographs, including *Tax Collection in Canada: Principles for Design, Prospects for Reform* (with T. Snoddon, C.D. Howe Commentary, 1994), *The Growth of Government Spending in Alberta* (Canadian Tax Foundation, 1995), and *Reforming Fiscal Federalism for Global Competition* (University of Alberta Press, 1996).

## Dickason receives Guelph Honorary Degree

Dr. Olive Dickason, professor emerita at the U of A, received an honorary doctorate of letters Oct. 7 from the University of Guelph. Dickason, author of the award-winning book *Canada's First Nations: A history of Founding Peoples*, has challenged Canadians' perspective of their history by focusing on indigenous peoples. A former journalist, she earned her doctorate at age 57 and taught at the U of A from 1976 to 1992. She was named "Métis of the Year" in 1992 by Women of the Métis Nation of Alberta and is a member of the Order of Canada. This is her fifth honorary degree.

## Tomczak-Jaegermann invited to lecture at International Congress

Dr. Nicole Tomczak-Jaegermann has been invited to give one of the addresses to the Analysis Section of the 1998 International Congress of Mathematics. The Congress is held only once every four years. There are 170, 45-minute invited lectures in nineteen sections, so each subdiscipline has, on average, fewer than 10 invited lecturers chosen from the best in the world.

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## ALBERTA HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 3, 10 a.m.

Alan Wells, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, University of Alabama, Birmingham, "Cell Motility and Tumor Invasiveness Signaled by the EGF Receptor." Presented by Cell Biology and Anatomy. 5-10 Medical Sciences Building.

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

October 24, 3:30 p.m.

John Aitchison, "Nuclear Transport: Karyopherins and Kissing Cousins." G-116 Biological Sciences Centre.

October 29, noon

Patrick Woo, University of Guelph, "Cryptobia Salmositica in Salmonids: Protection Against the Pathogen and Disease." B-105 Biological Sciences Centre.

October 30, 3:30 p.m.

Anthony Griffiths, Department of Botany, University of British Columbia, "Switching from teaching to learning" M-149 Biological Sciences Building

October 30, 4 p.m.

Ludek Zurek, "Cockroaches, Faeces and Bacteria. Home-made Buchta Might be Also Served." TB-W1 Tory Breezeway.

October 31, 11:00 a.m.

Anthony Griffiths, Department of Botany, University of British Columbia, "Fungal Plasmid Families" G-217 Biological Sciences Building

November 5, noon

K. Pearson, "Neuronal Mechanisms Controlling Walking." B-105 Biological Sciences Centre.

November 6, 4 p.m.

Ross Hodgetts, "Ecdysone Control of Gene Activity Associated with Dipteran Metamorphosis." TB-W1 Tory Breezeway.

## CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES

October 27, 3:30 p.m.

Vessela Ourdeva, "Elements of Ukrainian Folklore in Contemporary Ukrainian Literature." 352 Athabasca Hall

## CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

November 7, 1 p.m.

Connie Varnhagen, Dorothy Steffler and Patricia Boehler, "What Can We Learn About Cognitive Development by Studying Spelling?" P-218 Biological Sciences Centre.

## CENTRE FOR RESEARCH FOR TEACHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

November 4, 12-2 p.m.

Leslie Ann Crawford, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, "Ariadne's Thread: the Knowledge of Insight." 633 Education South

## ECO-RESEARCH CHAIR IN ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT

October 24, 3 p.m.

Michael M'Gonigle, Eco-Research Chair in Environmental Law and Policy, University of Victoria, "The Political Ecology of Social Sustainability." 2-27 Medical Sciences Building.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION

October 27, 7 to 9 p.m.

Greg Kearsley, an EFF Distinguished Visitor who has been involved with educational technology for more than 20 years will be on campus to encourage

discussion about educational technology. The following colloquium will have University of Alberta faculty describe technology-based learning projects they have conducted, highlighting the outcomes and the lessons learned. Presenters include:

Terry Anderson, "The Academic Technologies for Learning Initiative."

Eugene Romanuk and Craig Montgomerie, "Understanding Statistics—a hybrid CD-ROM/Internet course."

Chris Hackett and Bob Hesketh, "The Multimedia History CD-ROM Project."

David Mappin, "A Simulation of the Junior High School Principalship."

Werner Joerg, "WebStruct/Web-Book—Building and Sharing Networks of Qualified Knowledge."

Arlene Ponting and Jim Wan, "Delivering Continuing Professional Education Over the InterNet."

Dr Kearsley will act as a reactant to the presentations, discussing how these projects relate to others being conducted at universities across Canada and the United States, as well as the general promises/pitfalls of using technology in higher education. RSVP to Pat Routledge at 492-3667 (ext. 211) or e-mail her at [pat.routledge@ualberta.ca](mailto:pat.routledge@ualberta.ca).

## FACULTY OF LAW, FACULTY OF ARTS, WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

October 24 (evening) and 25

Symposium—Creating Change: Advancing Women's Social, Political and Legal Issues on the Anniversary of the Persons Case. Keynote Speaker: Patricia Paradis, National Chair, Women's Legal Education and Action Committee. Registration: Gail Mathew, Women's Studies Office, 492-7078, 105 Law Centre.

## HUMAN ECOLOGY

October 30, 1 p.m.

Valerie Gross, "Vertically Integrated Fashion Businesses in Alberta: Survey Data." 131 Home Economics Building.

November 6, 1 p.m.

Ali Lucas, "Parenting Potential in Survivors of Physical Child Abuse." 131 Home Economics Building.

## ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Please consult ECE departmental Seminar Series web-site for up-to-date schedule of talks, at <http://www.ee.ualberta.ca/>

## NURSING

October 30, noon.

Wendy Austin, "Self-Disclosure in Teaching." 6-107 Clinical Sciences Building.

November 7, noon

Donna Romyn, "Videoconferencing: Making it Work for You and Your Students." 6-107 Clinical Sciences Building.

## PERINATAL RESEARCH CENTRE

November 4, noon

Johanna Darrah, "Infant Gross Motor Development: A Rollercoaster Ride." 5002-27 DTC, Royal Alex Hospital.

## PHYSICS

November 3, 2 p.m.

Michael Roukes, "Frontiers with Nanostructures in Three Dimensions: Nanomechanics and Yoctocalorimetry." V124 V-Wing.

## PHYSIOLOGY

October 24, 3:30

Roger Liddle, Duke University Medical Centre, "Regulation of Gastrointestinal Hormone Secretion" Room 207 Heritage Medical Research Centre

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Kenneth Bainbridge, Professor and Chair, Department of Physiology, UBC, "Calbindin in the Nervous System: Life or Death?" Room 207 Heritage Medical Research Centre

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
November 6, 3:30 p.m.  
Doug Roche, "Dancing with Life, Not Death."  
10-4 Tory Building.

November 8, 7 p.m.  
David Suzuki, "Making Sense of the Millennium." Myer Horowitz Theatre.

**PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES**  
October 29, 12:00 p.m.  
Ken Froese, Environmental Health Sciences Program, "Public Health Sciences — What's a Chemist Doing in a Place Like This?" Room D, 2F1.04 Walter MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre

**RENEWABLE RESOURCES**  
October 30, 12:30 p.m.

Elson Solberg, Research Scientist, Agronomy Unit, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton, "Carbon Sequestration in Selected Agroecosystems in Alberta." 2-36 Earth Sciences Building.

**TRANSALTA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES CENTRE**  
October 30, 4:30 p.m.

John Spence, "The 'Natural Disturbance Paradigm and Forest Management: Magic Bullet or Biodiversity Bingo?" Alumni Room, Main Floor, Students' Union Building.

November 6, 4:30 p.m.  
Suzanne Bayley, "Managing Ecological Integrity in Banff National Park." Alumni Room, Main Floor, Students' Union Building.

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October 29, 7:30 p.m.  
David W. Schindler, "From the Peaks of the Rockies to Swan Hills: Deposition, Transformation and Biomagnification of Chlorinated Organic Compounds in Western Alberta." Public lecture — everyone welcome. 235 Corbett Hall.

#### UNIVERSITY TEACHING SERVICES

October 27, 3 p.m.  
Brian Nielsen and Susan Babcock, "Breaking the Code: Academic Offences and the *Code of Student Behavior*." TB-W2 Tory Breezeway.

October 29, 3 p.m.  
Marc de Montigny, Joane Martel and Deanna Williamson, "I'm New and I'm Unsure About...I'd Like to Talk with Other New Professors." 219 CAB.

October 30, 3:30 p.m.  
Katy Campbell, "From Course Notes to Slide Show: Making a Presentation II." 1-20G Cameron PC MicroLab.

November 3, 3:30 p.m.  
Ingrid Stammer and Stanley Varnhagen, "What Was I Thinking? Evaluating Videoconferencing." 205 Administration Building.

Donna Wilson, "APA Format: Details You Really Never Wanted in the First Place." 219 CAB.

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Roger Beck, "Increase Your Teaching Satisfaction." 219 CAB.

#### UNIVERSITY TEACHING SERVICES AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

October 30, 3:30 p.m.  
Tony Griffiths, University of British Columbia, "Switching from Teaching to Learning." M-149 Biological Sciences Centre.

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November 5, noon  
Linda Goyette, Columnist and Journalist, Edmonton Journal, "Women in the Press." 14-28 Tory Building.

## U of A and U of C eye \$45 million in research grants

*Internal competitions will decide which applications go forward*

By Lee Elliott

The University of Alberta and the University of Calgary are sibling rivals in a contest for a share of \$45 million in research money announced October 14 in a provincial Intellectual Infrastructure Partnership Program (IIPP).

Clint Dunford, minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, said, "Grants provided through the program will help universities and research hospitals to purchase the tools of research... major equipment, facility enhancements and computer hardware and software."

The program will offer \$15 million for each of three years. This year, two IIPP grants are offered. The first, for equipment is awarded according to a formula. Dr. Ron Kratochvil, associate vice-president

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The second part of this year's funding, for major equipment, is decided by competition. The University of Lethbridge opted out of the competition, at a price of \$150,000, says Kratochvil. That leaves \$3 million to be divided between the U of A and the U of C. The University has already submitted five applications—two in partnership with the University of Calgary. Joint projects are encouraged in IIPP guidelines. "That being said," says Kratochvil, "there's always some friendly tension between the two of who's getting which part of the joint funding."

Projects for the remaining two years of the program will require matching funding from other funding councils and private industry. This presents challenges. "Companies or individuals don't usually come up to us and say, 'I'd like to give money for a mass spectrometer,'" he says. The University then looks to undesignated gifts.

The remaining grants will also be awarded through competition decided by a review team chaired by John Zaozirny. Kratochvil expects the competitions to again be between the two major universities. "The research base in Lethbridge is much smaller," he says. He predicts Lethbridge will seek partnerships with other national and provincial universities.

Are we back to where we were before the funding cuts? "No, we're not," says Kratochvil, "but I'm not complaining about it. We took the cuts along with everyone else in the province and now they're trying to redress that in very large ways, and we appreciate that."

"It doesn't close out people working in the areas of economics or law, for instance," says Kratochvil.

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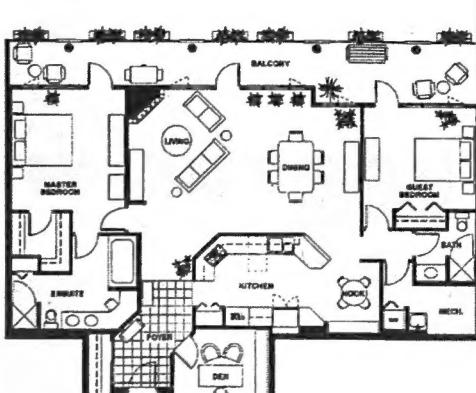
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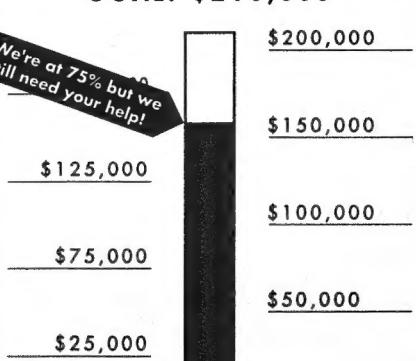
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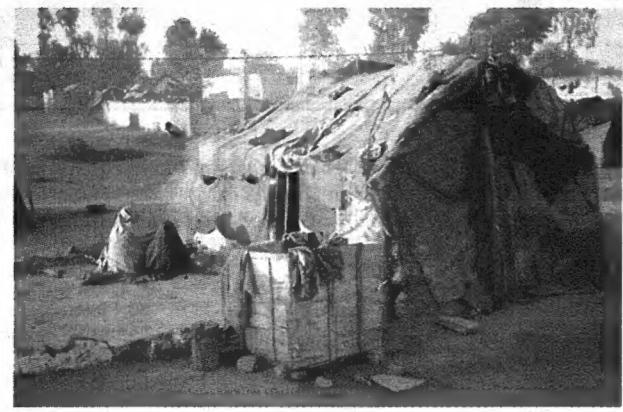
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# Beware the Bhats' Blessing



By Dr. Jeffrey Snodgrass

For two and a half years, I lived in India with Bhats (see photos). Bhats, best translated "bards" or "wandering minstrels," are multi-purpose-one-size-fits-all entertainers: story-tellers, puppeteers, genealogists, mythographers, punsters, oral historians, mimics, buffoons, drummers, dancers, devotional singers, stand-up comedians, and, well, the list goes on. Bhats are also poets. And if pleased, say, with a patron's gift, they compose couplets of gratitude:

*Oh master of mine a horse you have given  
Such spectacular work have you done  
You have raised my feet up high  
May God (Ram) do the same to you!*

Here, a Bhat friend of mine thanks his patron for a double "elevation": literally, when this Bhat man mounts his new steed, his feet are brought off the ground; metaphorically, in being honored with such an extravagant gift (a thoroughbred no less!), the poet is raised in status. Happy, he wishes on his patron the same rise in fortune.

As I learned, however, one cannot trust the words of a bard. They mask double upon double entendres, which Bhats painstakingly explained to me. For example, in asking that his benefactor be raised to the heavens, the bard blesses him. With a sl(e)ight twist, however, this can be reinterpreted as a curse, something akin to: "Die and be gone from this earth!" This does not exhaust the joke. In feudal times, having one's feet elevated was a prelude to torture. One was hung upside-down before being beaten senseless. Finally, the bard suggests that his patron have his feet elevated in the air like a woman during intercourse and be mounted by God.

Why would an entertainer, if only half seriously, wish death, torture, and supernatural sodomy upon those who support him? It depends. If a gift is inadequate, then a bard communicates something like, "My family is starving as a result of your meagre gifts, may you too die!" or even "You #@!!~\*ed me, may you also be a #\$\$%@+ed!" but a horse seems more than fair compensation. Something else is at work. To simplify, and despite the obscenities, the bard sends a religious message: "If you give to be praised, then learn humility. Do not think of rewards!" He also tests his patron's wits: "Can you see that I am humiliating you? If not, you need some clever person like me by your side."

To survive, Bhats have to wield words cunningly. For one, their traditional patrons, those they must entertain and praise whether they want to or not, were

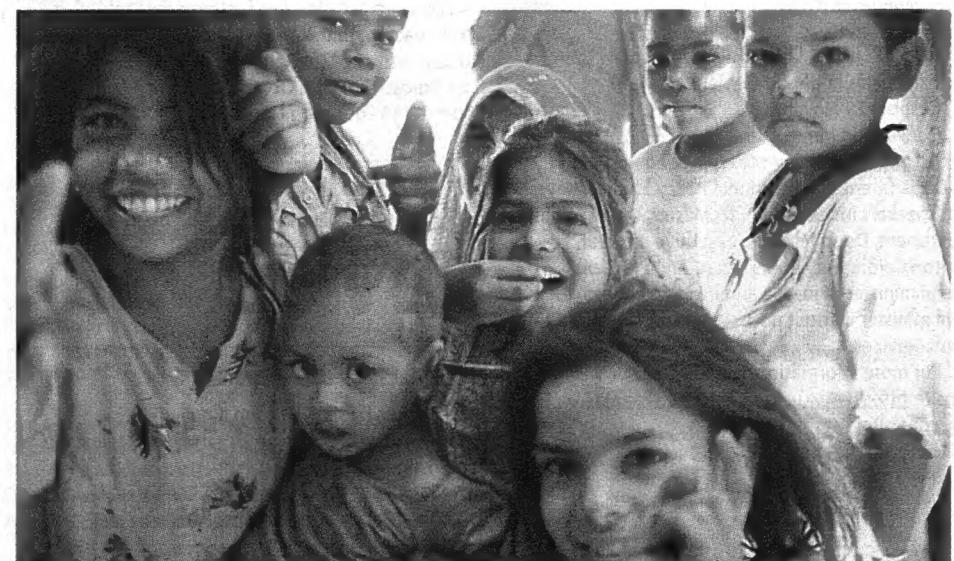
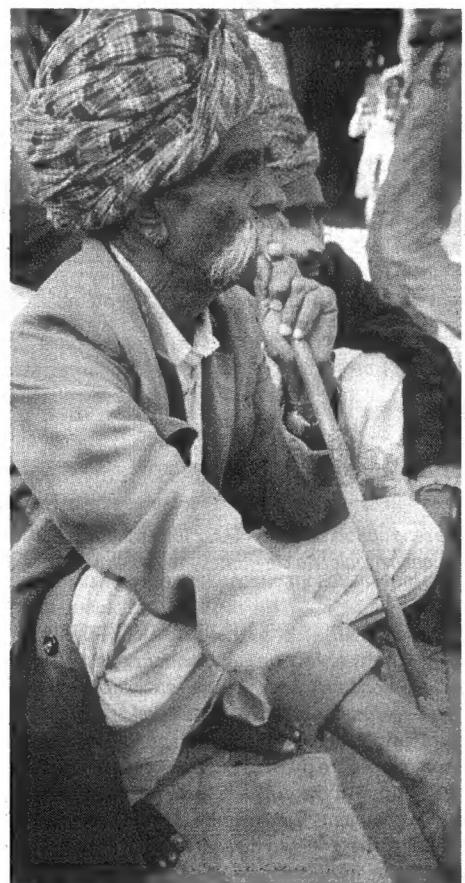
once leather-workers. Dragging putrefying animal carcasses from the fields, they crafted the hides into sandals, harnesses, and satchels. In a country where notions of purity and pollution can reign supreme, this is not good. Many view the Bhats' patrons as little better than dirt or feces. This strains the skills of even the greatest of praise-singers. How does one applaud fecal matter? In recent years this

source of income, as paltry as it sometimes was, has dried up. Settling in sprawling urban slums next to down-and-out snake-charmers and dancing eunuchs, Bhats now work the tourist industry. And at election-time they stage puppet dramas, alternately promoting candidates from all the major political parties. Employed by the state, they also stage dramas on topics as diverse as AIDS, family

planning, condoms, fertilizer, life insurance, and hand-washing. To say the least, spin-doctoring disreputable political candidates and hawking modernity to illiterate stuck-in-their-ways peasants poses its own linguistic challenges.

In Canada, families do not support bawdy bards who lampoon them at every turn. It is easier to forget that who we are is in some sense a trick of word or image, a tale we tell ourselves about ourselves. In India, as Bhats playfully overturn proper moralities and dominant hierarchies with their grotesque jests, however, one cannot escape the sense that human identity is in some serious sense a comic performance.

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